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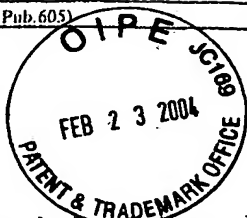
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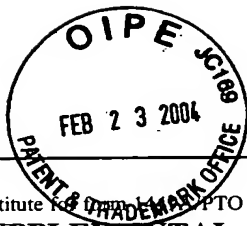
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		US- 4,280,608	Jul. 28, 1981	LaBuda et al.	
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